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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: USIB's Estimative Docket

1. This is to put you on notice that the USIB will be heavily engaged in clearing NIEs and SNIEs at least up through early July. Two crash SNIEs are scheduled for telephonic concurrence this week, when no USIB meeting is scheduled. In addition, our present schedule calls for completion of six estimates during the remaining three USIB dates in June plus a package of four and possibly five papers on the space reconnaissance problem being prepared for Dr. Scoville's interdepartmental working group and due for formal USIB coordination as soon as possible thereafter plus the quarterly revision of the Estimates Program

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Even if the space reconnaissance papers are listed as a single entry, scheduled estimative production for the quarter will total 26. In addition, we will be presenting the Weekly Survey of Cold War Crisis Situations and may have ready one of the projected Regional Estimative Reviews.

2. The totals would be even higher were it not for the postponement of five previously scheduled but less urgent estimates. The problem is, of course, that of handling crash requirements.

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The SNIE on the question of providing B-70s or other supersonic aircraft to India (scheduled for telephonic concurrence this week) and the space reconnaissance package (now listed for USIB action on 13 June) were not requested until late last Friday, 1 June. State's request for a Berlin SNIE, for USIB approval 13 June, was received today. We do not question the legitimacy and urgency of these requests. However, doing business in this fashion not only crowds the USIB agenda but often leaves minimum time for drafting, coordination, and review by USIB principals. It also severely limits the ability of ourselves and our contributors to handle more routine estimates.

3. A summary of the estimative schedule for the next few weeks is attached.

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